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may we QUOTE you on that?

[1] NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV, 1st Sec'y of Soviet Communist Party, on recent ousting of "Stalinist" bloc: "We had some black sheep in a good herd. They thought they would take over power. . . We took the black sheep by the tail and threw them out." . . . [2] Sen PAUL H DOUGLAS (D-Ill) on civil rights issue: "What we are trying to do is to make effective in actual life the Constitutional rights of all citizens, primarily the right to vote." . . . [3] Sen RICHARD B RUSSELL (D-Ga) promising an all-out fight against civil rights bill: "Supporters of the bill are trying to make the South the whipping boy of the nation. We will resist. Call it a filibuster if you wish. If we did not resist we would not be worthy to be called men." . . . [4] Jos S ROBINSON, att'y for Wm S Girard, GI on trial in Japan for manslaughter: "Some small boy in the State Dep't is responsible for releasing this U S



citizen to Japanese authorities for trial." . . . [5] WM BRENNAN, Jr., U S Supreme Ct Justice: "God help us if the day ever comes when the judiciary is not as open to constructive criticism as any other branch of the gov't." . . . [6] GEO HUMPHREY, Sec'y of Treasury, testifying before Senate Finance Committee: "I don't at this time observe any excesses that would get you into trouble. I don't see anything that would make you anticipate a condition like the '29-type catastrophe or the '30-type depression." . . . [7] HARRY S TRUMAN: "I sometimes wish I were in the White House to make decisions—but I am not, and that ends that." . . . [8] RICHARD BERNARD "Red" SKELTON, on sightseeing tour with mortally ill 9-yr-old son: "I want the warmth of the world to embrace my child."

17th year of publication

"I tell you, Henry, what this country needs is a Supreme Supreme Court."—Cartoon caption in The New Yorker.

Not since Pres Franklin D Roosevelt's tirade against the "nine old men," 20-odd yrs ago, has the Supreme Ct figured so persistently in the headlines as it has of late. At that time the Ct, in the Executive view, was excessively conservative. Now it is accused in some areas of being far too "liberal."

Historically, the ideal triumvirate set up by our founding fathers — Executive, Legislative, Judicial—each designed as a check upon the other two, has worked admirably, altho periodically out of balance for brief periods. In the early post-Civil War days, Congress was disastrously dominant. Thru the emergency yrs of his 1st term, Franklin D Roosevelt ruled the Legislative branch of Gov't, and thru the evolutionary processes of nature, he did in time excercise some temporizing influence upon the Judiciary.

Theoretically, the Judiciary is above partisan politics. This theory has considerable validity despite Mr Dooley's turn-of-the-century observation that "the soopreme coort follows the illiction returns." But in the long view it is answerable to, and must reflect popular opinion. No court, Supreme or "Supreme Supreme" can permanently enforce its edicts against widespread public resistance. We need but recall the Prohibition fiasco.

Several recent rulings (which we lack space to list and discuss) place the Supreme Ct well to the left of both Executive and Legislative branches of Gov't. The essence of these decisions is a startling (and many believe a dangerous) emphasis on individual rights, notably in the realm of what may be termed "intellectual communism."

Congress, nearing adjournment, may not act beyond an emergency bill to prevent wholesale invasion of FBI files, opened by a high court decision. But presently Executive and Legislative branches may be expected to unite to forestall usurpation of their powers.



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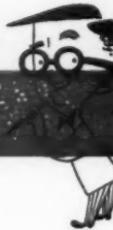
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"He who never quotes, is never quoted."

AGE—1

Eddie Senz, a famous N Y "beauty expert" who has designed makeup and hair styling for some of the most famous stage and screen stars, was once asked by a newspaper reporter, "What is the greatest mistake the average woman makes?"

His answer: "The greatest mistake is to refuse to resign herself to the fact that aging is inevitable. She is terribly wrong if she believes that beauty is confined only to the young." — ROY L SMITH, "Beauty Belongs to All Ages," *Together*, 5-'57.

AMERICA—Equality—2

In America, equality means simply that no handicap is imposed by society upon any child to prevent him from realizing the best that is in him.—ELLIOT V BELL, quoted in *Partners*.

ATOMIC AGE—3

Power without wisdom is a dangerous thing since it can be used for good or evil; and the more power we have, the greater is the catastrophe we risk bringing upon ourselves by its misuse. That is our situation today, in a world dominated by science, from which philosophy has been effectively exiled.—MORTIMER ADLER, Director of Inst for Philosophical Research, San Francisco, "The Questions Science Cannot Answer," *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, 4-'57.

CHARACTER—4

Character needs no epitaph. You can bury the man, but character will beat the hearse back from the graveyd and it will travel up and down the streets while you are under the sod. It will bless or blight long after your name is forgotten.—*World Call*.

CHRISTIANITY—5

Not only is the church losing some of its divine luster and effectiveness by becoming another pressure group in the lobbies of govt; it is showing a certain recklessness in the way it uses the adjective "Christian." A certain basketball league sets itself to uphold "Christian standards" in its games. Are these any different from the standards of good sportsmanship or gentlemanliness? A Jewish father recently telephoned the YMCA in his city and asked, "What in the world is 'Christian swimming'?" One is reminded of Rob't Louis Stevenson's complaint about his housegirl's cooking. Informed by Mrs Stevenson that the maid was a fine church girl, he replied, "Then I would like some Christian broth."—SHERWOOD ELIOT WRT, "The First Mile: Citizenship," *Christian Century*, 6-26-'57.

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washington

By Les & Liz
Carpenter



With a slogan picked up from flying-saucer enthusiasts abroad, "Be active today or radioactive tomorrow," 4 groups interested in flying saucers hold wky meetings in Washington. They are the Nat'l Investigations Committee of Aerial Phenomena, the Little Listening Post, the Physical Science Investigation and the Jr Sky Watch of America.

Many mbrs are convinced that flying saucers are manned by persons from other planets. One enthusiast, Wayne S Aho, retired army officer, and now chmn of Del Norte, Calif, Philosophical Society, is pushing for a Congressional investigation.

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Hostess Gwen Cafritz held a dance on her magnificent terrace overlooking the city. "I had thought of arranging for an earth satellite to whiz around in the sky," she confided, "but I decided to settle for a sliver of moon."

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Sen Clinton P Anderson (D-NM) former Sec'y of Agriculture, and a dedicated gardener, has revived a very sick spruce tree in his back yd with a new salve developed by Agriculture Dep't researchers. He is passing out samples of the salve (not yet produced commercially) to neighbors. We saved a dahlia with it.

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CHURCH—6

And whether it be a rich church
Or a poor church anywhere,
Truly it is a great church
If God is worshipped there.—*Author unknown.*

CHURCH—Attendance—7

As a place to spend Sunday, a church may not be as exciting as an automobile, but it's never been known to crash into another church.—JOHN KRAFFT.

COMMUNISM—Religion—8

There is no doubt that Communism denies the existence of God as He is conceived by Christianity. In doing so, it undermines the authority for Christian standards of morality. It replaces God with Economic Determinism,—a strange pre-anthropomorphic force moving steadily forward to precisely that "paradise" on earth the communist desires.—GEO WINDER, Sussex, England, in *Christian Economics*.

COST-OF-LIVING—9

Twenty yrs ago, lots of people dreamed about earning the salary they can't get along on today. —*Enos Magazine*, hm, Enos Coal Mining Co.

EDUCATION—10

Why do we quibble so much about paying teachers a decent wage? It'd cost us more to hire baby sitters nine mo's a yr than we pay in school taxes, and the education is thrown in free.—HARLAN MILLER, *Ladies' Home Jnl.*

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Your education has been a failure, no matter how much it has done for your mind, if it has failed to open your heart.—J A ROSENCRANS, *New Outlook*.

book briefs



When Steve Allen came out to Chicago last month to address the American Booksellers Ass'n convention, he launched a new game with special interest for those with literary inclinations. Selecting a list of currently popular volumes he applied fictitious, but singularly appropriate names for the authors. Examples: *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*, by Rob't E Lee; *The Day the Money Stopped*, by Chas Van Doren; *Something of Value*, by Bobo Rockefeller and *The Last Angry Man*, by Postmaster Gen'l Summerfield.

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Ted Anderson, of Grosset & Dunlap, defines an author as a person who will unfailingly find the one store in New York City where his book isn't on display, and promptly write the publisher an anguished note concerning inadequate distribution. Which gives some point to a story related by *Tit-Bits*, the London jnl. It concerns a young American authoress whose 1st novel had just been published. She dropped in at a N Y bookstore and asked for a copy. "Not yet available," she was told. "We'll probably have copies in a couple of wks." A fortnight later she was told that the book was "expected shortly." Trying to conceal her disappointment, the writer asked, "Has there been much demand for it?" The clerk reflected. "Yes," he said, "I recall another lady asking me about it two wks ago."

"Let us beware of thinking that the ability to read will alone solve the problems of the world... The important thing is that a child shall learn to read something beyond the level of "I Was a Lover for the F B I," running serially in the illustrated *Sexy Sewage*.—BERNARD M DULSEY, *Nation's Schools*.

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Dominique le Bourg has just published a little book in Germany, *Wenn die Maenner wuessten* (If Men Only Knew) which probably should be suppressed in the interest of maintaining the fiction of male supremacy. We note here only a couple of typical items: Women gossip — but newspapers and radio were launched by men. Women may eat more than is best for them—but wine and good cooking were developed by men.

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Reviewing the new Ogden Nash offering *You Can't Get There From Here* (Little, Brown) Delos Avery writes, in *Chicago Tribune Magazine of Books*: "Just open the book with your eyes closed. You'll have a pleasant time." Assuming, of course, that you have been thoughtful enough to fortify yourself with the Braille edition.

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EDUCATION—11

The acceptance of the principle that everyone should be able to go as far in his schooling as his talents permit is one of the moral achievements of the present century.—Prof CHAS FRANKEL, Columbia Univ, *Phi Delta Kappan*.

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Today we are told that the bright student is bright enough to keep his mouth shut, an act that in some mysterious way is supposed to keep his nose clean. — HAROLD D LASSWELL, Yale Univ, *Education Digest*.

GAMBLING—12

The 1st time a man bets on the horses, he plays to win. The rest of the time he plays to get even. — DAN BENNETT.

GOD—and Man—13

I believe that the Creator gave us minds with which to think, to search and find, to ask questions. What could be more stupid than a child with no questions about life; than a grown man or woman who is completely unconcerned with all that happens around him or her? God gave us brains to use, and not as terminals for our spinal cords. And I think he was wise to put some things forever just beyond the grasp of the finite mind, so that we might never become self-satisfied "kno w-it-all's" but always seeking, seeking, seeking, seeking. Who has any respect for a religion without mystery, without unexplored country to explore? — IONA HENRY with FRANK S MEAD, in *Triumph Over Tragedy* (Revell).

GOD—and Man—14

Our existence is like a sphere or circle. I call this "the wheel of life," consisting of mankind as the rim, knowledge as the spokes and God as the hub. Every specialized field of knowledge is a separate spoke, such as the "spoke of Astronomy" and the "spoke of Physiology." As each spoke leads from the rim to the hub, so does each specialized field of knowledge lead ultimately from mankind to God.

Quote scrap book

At the time of the trial of John T Scopes for teaching evolution in a Tennessee school, in 1925, HENRY FAIRFIELD OSBORN, American paleontologist (born Aug 8, 1857) helped compose, and with 14 other eminent scientists, signed a Credo, from which we quote:

Each (science and religion) represents a deep and vital function of the soul of man, and both are necessary for the life, the progress, and the happiness of the human race.

Even the scientists are learning that if they probe deeply enough, each scientific fact does not deny but affirms the existence of almighty, eternal God. — DANIEL A POLING II, "In the Beginning, God," *Christian Herald*, 7-'57.

GREED—15

In Tolstoy's *Man and Dame Fortune* the hero is told he can have the right to all of the land around which he can plow a furrow in a single day. The man started off with great vigor, and was going to

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encompass only that which he could easily care for. But as the day progressed he desired more and more rights. He plowed and plowed, until at the end of the day he could in no possible way return to his original point of departure, but struggling to do so, he fell, the victim of a heart attack. The only right he secured was the right to 18 sq ft of land in which to be buried. — RUSSELL T LOESCH, "I've Got My Rights," *Link*, 7-'57.

HEALTH—Mental—16

We may estimate conservatively that last yr some 10 or 15 million Americans found it necessary to alleviate the stresses of life with one or more of the newer drugs developed for the treatment of mental illness. — IAN STEVENSON, MD, "Tranquilizers and the Mind," *Harper's Mag*, 7-'57.

MANNERS—17

Children are natural mimics. They act like their parents in spite of every effort to teach them good manners.—*Toastmaster*.

MARRIED LIFE—18

Sometimes I think that half of my neurotic patients are neurotic because they are not married, and the other half because they are.—HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, clergyman and psychologist.

MODERN AGE—19

Nowadays when bread fails to rise, there's something wrong with the toaster.—LUKE NEELY.

An old timer is one who remembers when you were able to buy a tub, a washboard, and a wringer for less than the service charge they make just to check your automatic washing machine. — P-K *Sideline*, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

MONEY—20

If our kids are confused about money, it's our fault. We tell them it's the root of all evil; the fruit of our labor—but it doesn't grow on trees.—EMELINE TYSON.

PEACE—21

What the world needs is the peace that passes all misunderstanding.—*York Trade Compositor*, hm, York Composition Co.

PRAYER—22

Dr. Melvin E Wheatley, of Los Angeles, recently told of a morning event in the life of one of his parish families where children and parents took turns at saying grace at the breakfast table. One morning, the 8-yr-old prayed, "We thank you God for this beautiful day and for our food." It was one of those gloomy, foggy California days when they could not see the sun and the mother presumed the prayer was said out of habit. She asked the boy what he meant by thanking God for a beautiful day when the weather was anything but beautiful. With a spiritual grasp that astounded his parents, he ans'd, "Mother, never judge a day by its weather!" — CHAS A STUCK, "Good Morning," *Arkansas Methodist*, 6-20-'57.

PREACHERS—Preaching—23

True education makes for inequality of individuality, the inequality of success, the glorious inequality of talent, of genius; for inequality, not mediocrity; individual superiority, not standardization, is the measure of the progress of the world.—FELIX E SCHELLING, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

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O Rare Ben Jonson

Surrounding the epitaph of BEN JONSON, British dramatist and poet, who died 320 yrs ago (Aug 6, 1637) there is a strange and little-known story.

Some time before his death the poet sought from King Charles the boon of 18 square inches in Westminster Abbey. (That space, he explained, would suffice, since he wished to be buried vertically.)

Undergraduates at Oxford planned a memorial for their beloved patron. But England was soon plagued with civil war. Only a plain square of blue marble marked the spot. One day a passing friend gave a workman 18 pence to cut a fitting supplication on the marble slab: "O RARE BEN JONSON."

The workman, lacking a knowledge of Latin, left a disproportionate space between the letters O and R. Thus the pious admonition to pray for Ben was interpreted as a poetic tribute.

In the middle of the eighteenth century a marble bust of Jonson was set up in the Abbey. It perpetuated the error with an inscription reading, "O RARE BEN JONSON."

About a century ago the original stone was discarded, during repairs on the old nave. It was subsequently found in the stone-yard and set in the north wall of the nave.

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RACE RELATIONS—24

Unless America can rather quickly make her racial practices express good conscience before the conscience of the world, she is not likely to retain the leadership so largely entrusted to her now, or even to retain her own self-respect. — LISTON POPE, *Kingdom Beyond Caste* (Friendship).

RELIGION—Education—25

A generation ago Christian parents sent their children to college with fear that they would have their religion amputated. Their fears were subsequently fulfilled. But today the pendulum has swung and the children of the unbelievers are finding religion in college and they are shocking their parents with their belief as the grandparents were shocked with the unbelief of their children. — DR C C WARREN, retiring pres of Southern Baptist Conv, *Alliance Wkly*.

RETIREMENT—26

When, as predicted, we get around to a 3-hr working day, how can you persuade anybody to retire and have to labor full time on a hobby? — R & R Mag, hm, Ins Research & Review Service.

RIGHT—Wrong—27

If the first button of a man's coat is wrongly buttoned all the rest will be crooked. — GIORDANO BRUNO, *Science Digest*.

SAFETY—Safe Driving—28

It's no wonder that women motorists are poor drivers; they don't have the help of back-seat drivers. — *Tit-Bits*, London.

SCIENCE—29

We live in an age of science, but not a scientific age. — *School Science and Mathematics*.

Week of Aug 4-10

Pathways to the past



Aug 4 — Feast of St Dominic (founder of the Dominicans). . . 165th anniv (1792) b of Percy B Shelley, English lyric poet.

Aug 5 — 45th anniv (1912) convention of Progressive Party, at Chicago. Disgruntled Republicans, having bolted the regular party, nominated Theodore Roosevelt for the presidency, Hiram Johnson for vice-pres. . . 40 yrs ago (1917) the entire Nat'l Guard was drafted into the U S Army (War I).

Aug 6 — Fast of Av (Hebrew observance). . . *Feast of Transfiguration* (Christian observance). . . 320th anniv (1637) d of Ben Jonson, British dramatist and poet; author of familiar lines, "Drink to me only with thine eyes" (see GEM Box). . . 230th anniv (1727) establishment of Ursuline Academy, New Orleans, oldest educational institution for girls in U S.

Aug 7 — 215th anniv (1742) b of Nathanael Greene, Rhode Island Quaker; gen'l in Revolutionary War "2nd only to Washington." . . . 175th anniv (1782) Military Order of the Purple Heart, established by Gen Geo Washington, for "singularly meritorious action." Allowed to lapse for many yrs, the order was revived by Pres Hoover on Washington's b'day, 1932, and the emblem re-designed to bear a bust of the originator. . . 150th anniv (1807) test of Rob't Fulton's steamship the *Clermont*. Trip from N Y C to Albany (150 mi's) was made in 30 hrs. . . 45 yrs ago (1912)

Gov Woodrow Wilson, of N J, accepting the Democratic nomination for the presidency coined the phrase, "There is no indispensable man." . . . 30th anniv (1927) dedication of Internat'l Peace Bridge, marking more than a century of peace between U S and Canada. . . 15 yrs ago (1942) U S Marines, landing on Guadalcanal, launched America's 1st offensive in War II . . . 10 yrs ago (1947) raft *Kon-Tiki*, after 4,000 mi's of drifting, reached a reef in Tuamoto Archipelago, successfully concluding expedition by Norwegian scientist, Thor Heyerdahl. (His contention: pre-Incan Indians could have colonized Polynesian Islands by drifting to them on ocean currents.)

Aug 8 — 100th anniv (1857) b of Henry Fairfield Osborn, American paleontologist and geologist.

Aug 9 — 350th anniv (1607) 1st Thanksgiving Day service in the New World, by mbrs of the Sagadahoc Colony, Phippsburg, Maine. . . 200th anniv (1757) b of Thos Telford, Scottish engineer; pioneer in scientific road-bldg.

Aug 10 — *Feast of St Lawrence* (St Lawrence River is named for this Christian martyr) . . . Herbert Hoover, 31st Pres of U S is 83 today.

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The annual meeting of the Nat'l Citizens Planning Conf, at Little Rock, Ark, last month, took as its theme, "Main Street, 1969," a reference to the yr the Fed'l Gov't's huge interstate highway network is scheduled for completion. "This project," said a conf speaker, "will create a nat'l Main Street, stretching from coast to coast."

At about the same time, and in somewhat the same spirit, Thos R Cooper, a vice-pres of J Walter Thompson Co, adv agency, was telling delegates to the convention of the Nat'l Sales Executives Ass'n, in Los Angeles, of "an enormously challenging 'new land' within America"—the land of "interurbia." This he defined as a nationwide system of suburban areas clustering about population centers. Because of present and contemplated highway developments, Mr Cooper pointed out, these areas will grow until adjacent cities will tend to lose their separate identities. These suburbs, he asserted, have more in common with each other than with the respective cities from which they sprang. Thus, in the not distant future, the speaker concluded, marketing specialists must study "interurbia" as a single, geography-ignoring unit. Altho currently comprising only 4% of the country's land, "interurbia" acc'ts for more than half of all retail sales.

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SPEECH—Speaking—30

Dr. Frank H Vizetelly, noted authority on language, has said: "Slovenly speech is as clearly an indication of slovenly thought as profanity is of a degraded mind. Therefore, let us heed the advice Shakespeare has given us—"mend your speech a little, lest you may mar your fortunes." — RALPH C SMEDELY, "Language Troubles," *Toastmaster*, 7-'57.

SUCCESS—31

Success in life is a matter not so much of talent as of concentration and perseverance.—C W WENDE, *Instrumentalist*.

TEACHERS—Teaching—32

If teaching is presented in its true light, as a challenging profession which requires people of moral, physical, and intellectual stamina, if we take teaching out of the spoon-feeding, nurse-maiding, babysitting class of occupation, then I believe we shall have no further trouble finding recruits.—UNA WILSON NAPIER, *Chicago Schools Jnl*.

TIME & SPACE—33

When I was in Hollywood I met one of the greatest astronomers of our time, Dr Edwin Hubble, a man as simple and good as he was great. He showed me, in his study, slides depicting universes in the heavens that cannot be seen by the naked human eye—universes millions of light-yrs away. I said, "How terrifying!" To which he repl'd, "Only at first. When you are not used to them. Afterwards, they give one comfort. For then you know that there is nothing to worry about—nothing at all!"—Dame EDITH SIRWELL, "What Is Genius?" *Everybody's Wkly*, London, 3-2-'57.

TIME & SPACE—34

The spaceship, when it comes, will be the ultimate toy that may lead mankind from its cloistered nursery out into the playground of the stars.—ARTHUR C CLARKE, *Science Digest*.

TOLERANCE—35

The kind of tolerance that gets important results tolerates strength. It takes only a little tactful self-control to be sympathetic with weakness. But sincerely to tolerate strengths greater than ours takes long vision. — NORMAN G SHIDLE, editorial, *SAE Jnl.*

TRUTH—Falsehood—36

The liar's punishment is not that no one will believe him, but that he will believe no one else. — NIL DESPERANDUM.

WOMEN—37

The best camouflage for a woman's bow legs is a plunging neckline. — OLLIE M JAMES, *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

WORLD RELATIONS—38

Isolationist: Somebody who's against supporting the rest of the world in the style to which we are accustomed. — MIKE CONNOLLY, *Hollywood Reporter*.

WORRY—39

Fear in the form of personal anxiety and petty worries is our daily devil. A cartoon, which appeared some time ago, pictured a woman visiting her psychiatrist to talk out her troubles. She was shown as saying: "All of a sudden I stopped worrying; it worries me." It is pretty extreme when we worry because we have stopped worrying.—RALPH W SOCKMAN, "Challenging Fear," *Arkansas Methodist*, 6-20-'57.



Scientific experiments continue in color tv. According to *Hollywood Reporter*, next yr you may have your choice of a "hot" or "cold" color set. The hot, we're told, gives you rich colors, the cold, pastels.

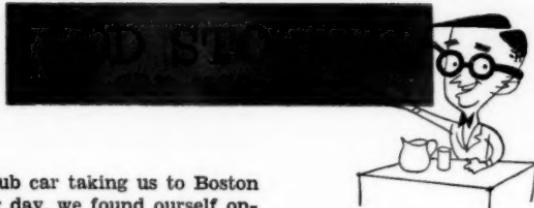
Which somehow reminds us of the story related in *Television Age*, concerning the little old lady who enjoyed company while watching tv. But there were few visitors. So she bought a color set. Now she has more company than she has snacks to serve them.

Classroom tv is a recent innovation in Britain. *Punch*, in a timely cartoon, shows a stern schoolmaster standing over a pupil. The lad is writing in a book concealed under his desk. "So," storms the mentor, "doing your homework when you should be watching television!"

A stop-watch-minded London scout informs us that Prince Philip, who recently showed his travel pictures on tv, in a sketch titled "Around the World in 40 Minutes" took 56 minutes to complete the narration.

Listening to a tv news analyst discuss the recent Kremlin shake-up, we're more than ever convinced there's no point in giving the Russians hard names. They already have 'em!

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In a club car taking us to Boston the other day, we found ourself oppressed by a deluge of overheard conversation carried on by 3 middleaged ladies, and sympathetic toward the 4th mbr of the group, a sweet little old lady who looked like Whistler's mother and said not a word for a solid hr, until there being a lull, she leaned forward, adjusted her bonnet, and spoke with emphasis. "My granddaughter," she said, "poses in the nude." —*New Yorker.* a

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Eavesdropped over the transom in a Beverly Hills psychiatrist's waiting room: "I can't help it, doctor—I keep thinking my inferiority complex is bigger and better than anybody else's!" —*MIKE CONNOLLY, Hollywood Reporter.* b

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The busy advertising account executive was showing a friend around his offices. "Beautiful, aren't they?" he said proudly. "We get quite a deal here—terrific expense accts, long vacations—and a fine pension when we're 65."

"Yes, but you've only been out of college for a few yrs," said the friend. "When do you get to be 65?"

"In this business," ans'd the harassed executive, "you get to be 65 overnight." — *Digest of World Reading*, Melbourne, Australia. c

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ESTHER GRACE SIGSBEE

The cub scouts were building bird houses. Since the size of the entrance hole varies with the type of bird desired, each cub was to decide the kind of bird family he wanted to occupy his house, then take it home and have his father drill the holes accordingly.

Bobby returned to the next meeting, bird house in hand, but still lacking the required opening. "Couldn't you make up your mind," the den mother asked, "the kind of bird you want to live in your house?"

"Sure," replied Bobby confidently. "It's for a red-headed woodpecker. He can peck his own hole!"

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Billy Gilbert, touring in the hit musical *Fanny*, tells of a disillusioned Communist who decided to end it all and lay down across a Moscow railroad track to await the end. When a shocked passer-by asked him to reconsider, he only shook his head stubbornly.

"Well, why have you those 2 loaves of bread with you?" asked the man.

"The way these trains run around here," repl'd the would-be suicide, "a fellow could starve to death before they arrive." — E E KENYON, *American Wkly.* d

Quo^{te}-able

QUIPS

A spinster rushed into the house and confided excitedly to her old maid sister, "Oh Eletha, I'm going out tonight with a used car salesman."

"What's the difference," Eletha assured her, "so long as he's healthy?" — *Wooden Barrel*, hm, Assoc'd Cooperage Industries of America.

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The police inspector was at the hospital bedside of a concierge who had been badly burned in an explosion caused by gas.

"Tell me how it happened," he requested.

"Well, the tenant on the 1st floor came back late at night and had to ask me to let him into his apt because he had mislaid his keys. When I opened the door he asked me if I smelled gas. I agreed that I did, and then he lit a match. . . ."

"A match! That was the last thing to do!"

"Yes, it was the last thing he did!" — *Pourquoi Pas?*, Belgium (QUOTE translation).

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A lady with a pain in her side went to see a physician. He told her she had appendicitis and must have an operation. She disliked this diagnosis so she went to another doctor. He told her she had gall bladder trouble and must have an operation. "Where do you go from here?" inquired a friend.

"Back to the 1st," she declared. "I'd rather have appendicitis." — *Arkansas Baptist*.

Vacation Vagaries

*With death and taxes also list
The neighbors' dissertations
On all the perfect weather missed
By people on vacations.*

— GEORGE STARBUCK GALBRAITH,
Wall St Jnl.

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*If a vacation does nothing else,
it lets you know how well off you
were when you still had the money
to take a vacation.* — CHARLES RUF-
FING.

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*VACATION: a sunburn at pre-
mium prices.* — HAL CHADWICK.

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*If at first you don't succeed in
folding the road map, throw it a-
way and get another at the next
filling station.* — O A BATTISTA.

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*Those who say you can't take it
with you never saw a car packed
for a vacation trip.* — PHIL MANN.

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*Why is it that the rainy days
for which we save our money al-
ways come during our vacation?* —
York Trade Compositor.

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*Oh, well, if you can't get away
for a vacation, there is this alter-
native: You can get the same feel-
ing by staying home and tipping
every 3rd person you see.* — Wood-
men of the World Magazine.

Quote

Krushchev thinks our grandchildren will be socialists. He is smart to skip our children who, judging by the way they pursue their fees for grass-cutting, dish-washing and baby-sitting, are unshakeable capitalists.—*Portland, Oregonian.* h

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The fellow was sitting in the bar. He was already fairly well on the way, so he was in excellent humor. Suddenly he asked for a piece of paper and began to figure something. For a long time. Then he said, "Hey, listen. My wife is on a diet. Just this noon she told me that she had lost 12 pounds in 4 wks. She weighs 168 lbs. Twelve lbs less per month. Hey! I'll be rid of her in 14 months!" — *Revue, Munich* (QUOTE translation). i

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A Connecticut dweller drove up to a filling station the other day and noticed a large sign on the door, with the announcement, "Under new mgt."

"What's the idea?" he asked the attendant, seeing the owner inside. "Isn't that Jerry in there?"

"Oh, sure," was the answer. "He got married yesterday." — E E KENYON, *American Wkly.* j

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One of the best grandmother remarks I've heard recently came from a friend who had just ret'd from a visit in her married daughter's home.

"And how are the 2 little grandsons?" she was asked.

"Oh, they're fine," she replied, "but they're awfully numerous!" — CAROLINE CLARK. k

Quote

The master of ceremonies at a dance approached a girl who was wearing a strapless evening dress.

"May I introduce Mr Smith?" he said. "He's an authority on structural engineering and he wants to ask you something." — *Tit-Bits, London.* l

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While playing Parents' Mag quiz game with my family, I asked: "Who said: 'God's in His Heaven—all's right with the world?'" Five-yr-old Felice ans'd: "Mrs God." — FREIDA D KARLITZ, *Parents' Mag.* m

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A lady friend of ours usually phones the garage to pick up or deliver her car. But one day she decided to take it in herself for a few minor repairs.

After leaving instructions with the head garage man, she was on her way out when sharp and clear over the loudspeaker came a voice:

"Hey, Al, fill up Miss Watkins, give her a wash, and see why she's been stalling." — *Digest of World Reading, Melbourne, Australia.* n

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The recent death of the great Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini recalls to mind my favorite story of his rebuke to a prima donna who had been singing in incorrect time thruout an important rehearsal.

He told her that in future she must follow the score more closely. She frowned and reminded him that she was "a star."

The blue-grey eyes of Toscanini flashed as he retorted: "Signorina, the stars are in heaven. Here on earth we are all artists. Some are good and some are bad. You are a bad artist." — *Tit-Bits, London.* o

Richard Armour



Dollars And Scents

*A new fashion is scented checks.
A bakery is planning checks with a
fresh-from-the-oven bread smell,
and a spaghetti company has ordered
checks impregnated with
the essence of garlic.—News item.*

Oh, to work in a bank as a clerk,
An assistant cashier, or a teller.
Though I cannot count to a large
amount,

I could check those checks with
my sneller.

Of the signature I might not be
sure,

But such a thing would be petty
Once I got a whiff, took a deep-
down sniff,
Of garlic-laden spaghetti.

And the bakery boy I would welcome
with joy
And await his endorsement shak-
ing,

While the banking rooms would fill
with the fumes

Of golden brown bread a-baking.

Yes, the bank, I see, is the place
for me,

Where the scents of the checks
overpower one,

But I'd need to take care, if I labored there,

Lest I lose control and devour
one!

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A bell ringer had a sad misad-
venture; he got tangled in his rope
and tolled himself off. — HUGH
SCOTT, *Today*. p

The old salt was telling a tale about being shipwrecked on a desert island.

"Yessiree, there I was without a bit of food to my name. And not a ship showed up to rescue me for nigh on 2 yrs."

"Wait a minute!" said a listener.
"If you had no food, how did you exist for that length of time?"

"Well," said the old salt, thinking fast, "I had an insurance certificate in my pocket, and having nothing else to do I sat down and read it. Believe it or not, I found enough provisions in it to keep me alive until I was rescued."—Woodmen of the World Mag. q

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"Will you tell me why on earth you keep that parrot cage on top of your alarm clock?" asked a visitor calling on a new neighbor.

"Well, you see," explained the other, "I happen to be a heavy sleeper and the alarm never seems to wake me. But, boy—what that parrot screams when the alarm goes off!"—E E KENYON, *American Wkly.* r

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A sad looking character was shown into the office of a prominent psychiatrist. "I've lost all desire to go on, doctor. Life has become too hectic, too confused."

"Yes," said the doctor, clucking sympathetically. "I understand. We all have our problems. You'll need a yr or 2 of treatments at \$50 a wk."

There was a pause. "Well, that solves your problem, Doc. Now about mine?"—Kablegram. s

Quote

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Sen CLIFFORD P CASE (R-NJ) on *filibusters*: "The U S Senate is the only place I know where the mediæval practice of trial by ordeal still survives." 1-Q-t

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Prof W B WISH, Western Reserve Univ, *deploring ascent of the specialist*: "A history professor can no longer talk to a philosophy professor, unless they choose the common ground of the *Cleveland Indians*." 2-Q-t

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YVONNE VERDUN, designer: "If a hat doesn't fit a woman's personality, she looks funny. So why shouldn't a man laugh—if he can outrun the woman?" 3-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

Edited by Alice Jacobs



More outdoor items for the good old summertime; if you're building an outdoor fireplace, or repairing driveways, masonry pipes, or otherwise amusing yourself with hard labor, you can strengthen the mortar considerably by adding a new crystal cement glue. Resists heat, water, acid. \$1.60 a pint. *Wurdack Chemical Co, Flyer Ave, St Louis 9, Mo.*

This is for mbrs of the outdoor set who like to keep their refreshments handy but inconspicuous. *Products Development Corp'n, Houston, Tex.*, is marketing a flask in the form of a pr of expensive-

looking binoculars. Each "eyepiece" holds a full half pint of eye opener. Flask, complete with shoulder strap, costs \$3.50.

Now something for enthusiastic water-skiers: a nautical version of your car's rear-view mirror. This one, meant for use on speedboats, is of non-glare black glass with a hood to keep off spray. Driver can keep an eye on skiers, but still watch the course ahead. Can be mounted on gunwale or deck. Triple plated chrome. Only \$5.95 from *Aluminum Hardware Co, Auburn, N Y.*

